



**Town of Coulee Dam**  
*Green Oasis at the Foot of Grand Coulee Dam*

**Minutes**  
**1300<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting**  
**July 12, 2017**

**6:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting**

Mayor Wilder called the 1300<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Coulee Dam Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Council members present: David Schmidt, Gayle Swagerty, Ben Alling and Keith St. Jeor. Duane Johnson was excused absent.

Staff Present: Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens and Clerk/Treasurer Stefani Bowden.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ben Alling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing**

a. **Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan**

Mayor Wilder opened the public hearing at 6:01 to receive public comment on the 2018-2023 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Clerk Stefani Bowden and Public Works Superintendent Mike Steffens presented the proposed plan and provided brief explanations of the requirement for the plan. With no public comment, the hearing closed at 6:04.

**Public Input**

**Agenda updates & modifications**

Clerk noted corrections to the numbers of the two Ordinances being presented, #746 & #747. The correct numbers are #747 & #748.

**Consent Agenda**

David Schmidt moved with Keith St. Jeor seconding to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – June 14, 2017

Vouchers: Claim Vouchers and Checks:  
Claim Voucher No.'s 36693 through 36724 and EFT's dated June 28, 2017 in the total amount of \$80,321.31  
  
ACH dated June 17, 2017 in the total amount of \$18.00 to Washington State Patrol Background Check fees  
  
Claim Voucher No.'s 36734 through 36772 and EFT's dated July 12, 2017 in the total amount of \$92,002.83

Payroll Checks: Payroll Check No.'s 36725 through 36733 direct deposits and EFT's dated June 14 and 30, 2017 in the total amount of \$90,306.09

Bank Fees: June 14<sup>th</sup> ACH for deposit slips

### Action Agenda

- A. AB 2017-015, Ordinance No. 747, 2017 Amended Salaries  
Mayor Wilder reviewed the proposed Ordinance and explained reasoning for the changes. The AWC Salary Survey was used as a guideline. At this time, the only position that is affected by the change is the Wastewater Treatment Plant/Water Treatment Operator 1. Keith St. Jeor moved with David Schmidt seconding to adopt Ordinance No. 747. Motion carried.
- B. AB 2017-016, Ordinance No. 748, Amending Ordinance No. 745, Interim Financing for the Wastewater Treatment Project.  
Mayor and Clerk gave an update on the additional funding received from USDA Rural Development, adding \$936,000 in loan and \$558,000 in grant making a total loan of \$5,636,000 and grant of \$2,088,000. Interest rates came in slightly lower than anticipated. Mayor was in Wenatchee earlier in the day to sign required paperwork. Keith St. Jeor moved and David Schmidt seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 748. Motion carried.
- Mayor noted that the official start date for construction is today's date, July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- C. AB 2017-017, Resolution No. 2017-07, Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan  
David Schmidt moved and Gayle Swagerty seconded to approve Resolution No. 2017-07, adopting the 2018-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan. Motion carried.

## **Discussion Agenda**

### A. USDA RD Additional Funding for Wastewater Treatment Project

Mayor stated this information was addressed during the Action Agenda. No need to revisit it at this time.

## **Staff, Council & Committee Report**

### Mayor

#### Clerk

A liquor license renewal notice has been received for Harvest Foods. The air-conditioning compressor went out in the Town Hall offices and was not repairable. Due to the hot temperatures, a new HVAC was installed as quickly as possible.

#### Public Works

Department of Health and Okanogan County Health performed an inspection of the water plant. No violations were noted and reported that all looked good. A recent power outage was caused by a dove.

#### Police

Mayor Wilder informed the council that the new police officer has completed the academy and is now working full time in the Town of Coulee Dam. The permanent Chief position has been appointed to Paul Bowden.

#### Councilmembers

David Schmidt reported on the Parks and Natural Resources meeting. The swimming pool has been a topic of discussion. Thoughts of a splash pad are being brought up and will be on future meeting agendas. The volleyball court in Cole Park isn't being used much. One reason is the court is gravel. It would be nice to have new sand put in and also some kind of protectant need to cover the concrete border around the court. It is a safety and liability issue.

Gayle Swagerty noted that Fiddle Creek clean-up and maintenance is being discussed at the P&NRB meetings.

Keith St. Jeor and Gayle Swagerty met with a consultant regarding the fiber optic issues. There is a lot of potential for upgrades to the system.

## **Announcements**

None

## **Executive Session**

None

**Public Input**

Fred Netzel asked what the plan is for the remaining \$17,000 in the sidewalk fund. Mayor noted that there is a good opportunity to make improvements to sidewalks while the TIB project is being done. There could be a huge savings to use contractors while already on site for the project. Unfortunately, the TIB project has been pushed back to next year. Scott Hunter asked the Mayor to clarify the location of the sidewalks to be improved are. Mayor stated they would be in the area near the school street project. The topic of sidewalk repair led to a lengthy discussion of how and when improvements could be made and how the council would like the funds spent. Ben Alling moved and David Schmidt seconded to allocate \$17,500 to repair the worst sidewalks in the way the Superintendent sees fit. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Ben Alling motioned with David Schmidt seconding to adjourn Council Meeting #1300 at 7:30p.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

  
F. Gregory Wilder

Clerk

  
Stefani Bowden